



2008

Year End Report



2008 Fire Season

The 2008 fire season began with Randy Lamb accepting the Captain 2A position. Randy transferred to the crew from La Grande Hotshots. Also joining the crew's overhead were second year crew member Adam Benkula and third year crew member Griff Cochran. Both Griff and Adam accepted Senior Firefighter positions. Brian Brennan detailed into Captain 2B's Squad Boss position.

Idaho City IHC Crew Roster	
Brian Cardoza, Superintendent	
Randy Lamb, Captain	Steve Ramaekers, Captain
Charlie Martin, Squad Boss	Brian Brennon, Squad Boss
Adam Benkula, Senior Firefighter	Griff Cochran, Senior Firefighter
Shankor Tillotson	James Hallyburton
Jared Bates	Russel Kennedy
Justin Bogert	Casey Czinski
Joe Hodges	Kyle Kristy
Jeff Olmstead	Matt Thorton
Brent Wolf	Steve Traverso
	Todd Wanner

Two Weeks Critical Training

- ✦ Crew SOP's
- ✦ IC 3/4/5 refresher and scenarios
- ✦ WFU / FS Policy/ Aviation / Line Officer Expectations / Leadership
- ✦ Ethics and Conduct
- ✦ First Aid and CPR
- ✦ Crew Safety Plan
- ✦ Basic Firing Operations
- ✦ Look up, Look Down, Look all Around
- ✦ Fire Shelter training / 10 and 18's and LCES
- ✦ Saw Refresher
- ✦ Human factors on the Fireline / Lessons Learned
- ✦ Boise NF video Refresher
- ✦ Fire shelter training 10 and 18's and LCES
- ✦ S-132, S-133
- ✦ L-180
- ✦ A-219
- ✦ RT-130, RT212
- ✦ Haz-com / Haz-woper
- ✦ Field Exercises

Beginning of Season

Following its two weeks of critical training, the crew conducted four weeks of project work for the Boise National Forest. During this time, the crew conducted prescribed burns and various thinning projects, including a thinning project in conjunction with the Rocky mountain Elk Foundation.



The crew conducting an early season thinning project.

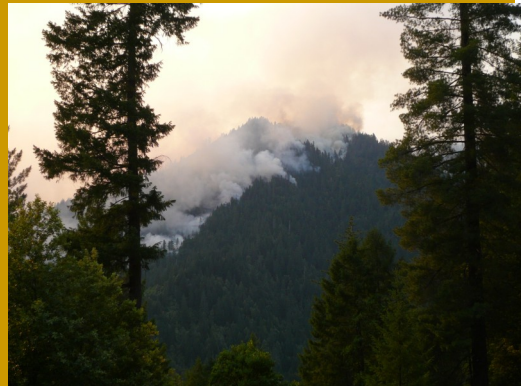
Fire Season Begins:

The first fire dispatch was to Chico, California for the Humbolt fire. Following two operational shifts, the crew then went to the Corn Creek fire near Escalante, Utah. After four shifts the crew then made the long drive back to northern California where



Crew Member mopping up on the Corn Fire, near Escalante, Utah

it was assigned to the Siskiyou Complex for the remainder of its first dispatch.



Siskiyou Complex near Happy Camp, California

The next 10 days were spent on initial attack fires on the Boise National Forest and conducting project work on the crew's home district. Then it was back to California for another 14 day tour. During this dispatch the crew conducted operations on both the SHU Lightning complex and the Canyon Complex. This tour was high lighted with burnouts on the Canyon complex, eventually tying the fire into the rugged Feather River Canyon.



Conducting Burnout on Canyon Complex near Quincy, California

Return to the Great Basin:



Digging Line on the Little Bald Mountain Fire

The next fire, named the Little Bald Mountain Fire, was located in rough, steep mountains south and east of Salt Lake City, Utah. This fire was infamous for rocky country and rolling material that tested the crew each day. The crew then returned home for the South and North Barker fires. These fires were located on the border of the

Sawtooth and Boise National Forests. The crew was instrumental in keeping the 34,000 acre blazes from crossing over from the Sawtooth wild fire use area onto the Boise National forest and into the town of Featherville, Idaho.



Crossing the Boise River, South Barker Fire

Final Dispatch:



Felling Hazard snags

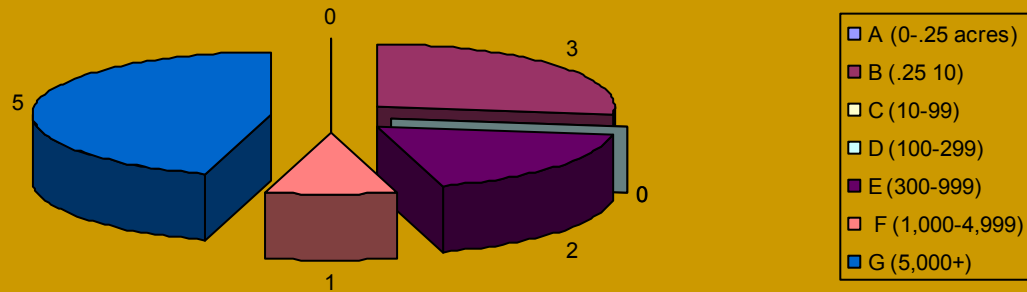
The final dispatch of the season was once again to northern California. The crew was sent to the 3000 acre Gulch Fire near Placerville, California. Following the conclusion of this brush fire, the crew spent 12 days in South Lake Tahoe, California felling large numbers of hazard snags left in the aftermath of the 2007 Angora Fire.



Felling hazard snags South Lake Tahoe, California

2008 Year End Statistics:

Number of Fires by Size Class

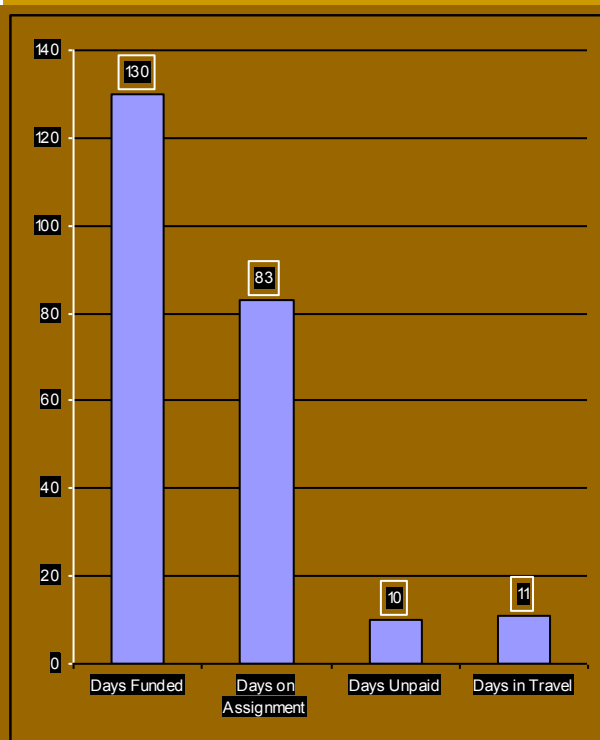


The crew drove a total of 55,200 miles and earned 781.5 hours of overtime.

Ca -1's Submitted

Poison Oak 3

Eye Injury 1



Detailers

Name	Home Unit	Duation
Justus Witworth	Challis, ID	15
Hadley Clark	Challis, ID	21
Kyle Foster	Challis, ID	15
Alex Mackin	Idaho City ID	15
Amber Gale	Landmark ID	6
Oliver Jones	Idaho City ID	14

2008 Idaho City Hotshot Fire Assignments:

Incident Name	Location	Acres	Complexity Level	Dates Assigned
Humboldt	Chico, CA	8,000	1	6/13-6/15
Corn Creek	Escalante, UT	1500	2	6/16-6/21
Hopkins	Orleans, CA	15	3	6/22-6/22
Siskiyou Complex	Happy Camp, CA	7,000	1	6/23-6/28
Mary Jane	Garden Valley, ID	5	4	7/8-7/10
SHU Lightning Complex	Redding CA	86,000	1	7/12-7/18
Canyon Complex	Quincy, CA	38,000	1	7/19-7/26
Little Bald Mountain	Grantsville, UT	350	3	8/1-8/8
North Barker	Featherville, ID	15	4	8/9-8/10
South Barker	Featherville, ID	3,000	2	8/11-8/14
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Corner Canyon	Salt Lake City, UT	800	3	8/26-8-31
Gulch Fire	Plattina CA	300	5	9/8-9/10
New York	Truckee, CA	3	4	9/15-9/15